

OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT

Hermosa Creek Watershed Recreation and Travel Management Project
San Juan National Forest, Columbine Ranger District
La Plata and San Juan Counties

The San Juan National Forest has prepared an Environmental Assessment and a Draft Decision Notice for the Hermosa Creek Watershed Recreation and Travel Management Project. District Ranger Matt Janowiak is the Responsible Official for this project, and it is his intention to select Alternative 2 Modified, the Proposed Action with two changes. The decision will include: designation of authorized types of motorized and mechanized vehicles and seasons of use on roads and trails; designation of over-snow open areas for motorized and mechanized vehicle use; identification of designated system trails; identification of the minimum road system, including maintenance levels, needed infrastructure, and unneeded roads; designation of where driving off-road and off-trail for camping is allowed; authorization of a developed campground and re-development of the trailhead in Hermosa Park; prohibition of dispersed camping along the Lower Hermosa Road 576; and required design criteria.

The EA and Draft Decision Notice are available on-line at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43010>. These documents are also available for review at the Columbine Ranger District Office at 367 Pearl Street, Bayfield, Colorado. For more information about the project contact Matt Janowiak or Cam Hooley at 970-884-2512.

This draft decision is subject to administrative review (objection) pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with §218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via postal service, e-mail, express delivery, hand delivered, or messenger service to: Objection Reviewing Officer, Forest Supervisor Kara Chadwick, San Juan National Forest, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301; email to r02f13admin_review@fs.fed.us; FAX to 970-385-1386; or hand-deliver Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Electronically mailed objections must be submitted in an email message, plain text (.txt), Word (.doc or .docx), Portable Document Format (.pdf), or Rich Text Format (.rtf) file formats.

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the newspaper of record (*Durango Herald*). The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

Objections must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d); incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to §218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

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